

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, March 27, 2020

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, March 27, 2020.

(School System Shutdown Edition!)

What's Happening - As we finish our second week of school closure, I hope that this newsletter still finds you and your family healthy and safe! As I am sure you know, Dr. Karen Salmon, Superintendent of Schools for the state of Maryland continued the closure of all schools in the state through at least April 24, 2020. Decisions on the status of school closure after that date will be made at a later time.

AACPS has been planning for distance learning and will be sending out a message to all parents later today with what the plans going forward will look like. Please read that email so you know what to expect.

Teachers at CMES have created google classrooms for their classes. An email from the teacher was sent out during this past week inviting the students to join. An email was also sent out to all parents this morning at 9:00 AM asking parents/students to join their teacher's google classroom. Please do this by 8:00 AM Monday, March 30th. After that, the teachers will be reaching out to students/families for those students who have not joined to identify any issues that may be preventing the student from having access.

Teachers are not posting any assignments that are required or that will be graded on google classroom at this time. We will continue to post additional fun activities for students on our [CMES Brian Gym](#). Again, these activities are not required and are meant to be just fun things to do.

Please remember that the school office is closed and there is nobody there to answer the phones.

Finally, we know that this pandemic has created huge disruptions to our normal way of life. The "normal" way isn't normal anymore. We are going to have to think differently as we continue to support our children and each other. Please know that we might not have the answers to all questions immediately, but very good people at CMES, AACPS, local, state, and federal officials are working very hard on all

aspects of how to support the academic, social and emotional needs of our students and their families.

AACPS is providing meals to children ages 3-18 - AACPS has 61 for meal distribution for any child ages 3-18 regardless of FARMS status. This meal distribution will continue during the extended shutdown. Check out www.aacps.org for located on the meal distribution sites.

Schedule and Calendar Changes - Please refer to www.aacps.org for up-to-date information on changes and cancelations to AACPS sponsored events.

CMES Events

Field Trips – At the direction of the superintendent of AACPS, all field trips have been canceled. Any monies or fees that have been paid will be refunded as soon as possible.

Assemblies, Clubs, Meetings, Events, etc. – At the direction of the superintendent of AACPS, all meeting, assemblies, meetings, clubs, etc. have been canceled for the remainder of the school year.

IEP and 504 Meetings – All IEP and 504 meetings scheduled through April 24th have been canceled. The staff at CMES will be reaching out to those families that will need to be rescheduled.

Changes to Science Fair – We recognize that many students have started their science fair projects and we want to encourage this activity, however the CMES Science Fair for this year will be OPTIONAL for all students, including those in grades 3-5. We are looking into a way to create a virtual Science Fair. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.

Additional On-line Resources - You have probably been inundated with emails about on-line learning. Additional resources that are embedded in the e-learning website have been approved by AACPS. Additionally, resources that are included in this newsletter have been vetted by AACPS. We have set up a process for teachers to make recommendations for additional on-line resources through the AACPS Office of Technology. One of the major concerns is the number of on-line resources that offer free access and once you sign up you find out there is a charge after the initial month or so.

Fifth Grade Promotion – TBD

Spring Band/Strings/Chorus Concerts – TBD

Field Day - TBD

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 – Kindergarten Registration is on hold until further notice. AACPS is working on developing an online approach to the registration process. AACPS will be sending a message out to the community once the process has been finalized.

A Message from our Guidance Counselor: As we prepare for the closing of schools it is important to remember that children’s anxiety may be heightened during this time. We have included a helpful article by the National Association of School Psychologists on how to support your children regarding the coronavirus. During the next two weeks I would encourage you to help your child practice stress reducing coping skills such as journaling, reading, coloring, yoga and mindfulness practice. I have included some apps that can be downloaded for free on a mobile device that might be helpful: Headspace, Breathe Think Do with Sesame, Calm, Daniel’s Tiger’s Grr-ific Feelings and GoNoodle. In addition, if your family needs help with food during the school closing you can contact Caring Cupboard at contact@caringcupboardllc.com. They may be able to provide delivery also if transportation is a problem.

For those in need of emergency food assistance the following information is provided:

Host	Date	Time	Location
H2O for Life	Wed 4/1/2020	3pm- 5pm	5317 C Ritchie Hwy Brooklyn Park, MD 21225
AA Co. Partnership for Children, Youth & Families at St. Matthews Church	Sat 4/5/2020	TBD	6234 Shady Side Rd, Shady Side, MD 20764

A Message from our PE Teacher: If you would like to stay active and healthy over the next two weeks at home [here](#) is a list of at home movement opportunities that are fun for the whole family.

A Message from our Media Specialist: In an effort to provide high-quality resources for students while our school is closed, we want you to know that your child still has remote and continued access to our school databases, eBooks and numerous applications such as the Google Education package, WeVideo, Wixie, Typing Club, First in Math and many other applications that your child uses on a daily basis.

Databases appropriate for Primary: students are (in the order of ease of use and readability): PebbleGo, World Book Early Learning, Discovery Education, and DK. The remaining databases are geared toward Intermediate grades. Many of the databases have narration abilities. When using eBooks, the Capstone and Mackin

books can be accessed without a user name and password. Capstone is Ms. Radisi's preferred platform as the books are narrated with a human voice rather than a computer-generated voice.

Various ways to access our databases and eBooks:

In URL, type mackinvia.com

Select our school

User name is: your child's student ID number

Password is: the last 4 digits of the student ID

or:

Download <https://www.google.com/chrome/> browser to access Classlinks (your child uses the applications included on their Classlinks page frequently for in-school instruction)

CMES Yearbook - It's that time again to purchase those memories captured during the school year. You will have an opportunity to customize two free pages. Yearbooks are \$16.40 Please follow the link below to purchase yours today!

Pass code 1014807036532753

Purchase Link <https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1014807036532753>

TreeRing video <https://www.treering.com/Watch-the-TreeRing-Personalized-Yearbook-Demo>

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are: All CMES Parents! You have been wonderful in supporting the CMES Staff and teachers as well as your students and families. You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe. Thank you for being so AWESOME!

First In Math! -

Math March Madness is in FULL SWING!

March 1-7 Qualifying Round- determines Sweet 16

March 8-14 Will narrow down the bracket to the top 8 teams with the highest sticker count for the week. **The Elite 8 Teams are : Gleason, Ciancaglini, Hampson, Batchelor, Adams, Cottle, Shields and Anastasio! Congratulations!**

March 15-20 will decide our Top 4 First in math Teams with the highest sticker count for the week. **The Final 4 Teams are: Gleason vs Hampson, Cottle vs Shields. Good luck!**

March 22-28 will determine our TOP First in Math Team with the highest sticker count and our Team Champions.

Let's CELEBRATE!

Crofton Meadows is currently the TOP SCHOOL in the state of Maryland!

We did it! We are now in the Top 20 Schools in the nation!!! Can we hit Sweet 16? I think we can!

FIM Updates!

Teams of the Week:

1st Place- Ms. Carpenter 1st Grade
2nd Place- Mrs. Cottle 1st Grade
3rd Place- Mrs. Armstrong 1st Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Grayson 1st Grade
2nd Place- Ashley 1st Grade
3rd Place- Ezekial 4th Grade

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of our **NEW GRAND CHAMPIONS 10,000+ Stickers!** Way to Go!

3rd Grade- Tala
4th Grade- Ezekil, Sofia B

3rd Grade- Jeremiel

Planning Ahead:

March 30 – April 24, 2020 School Closed by order of the Governor and State Superintendent of Schools. All school related activities have been cancelled until further notice.

PTO News

In guidance with AACPS all PTO activities are cancelled Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 24, 2020. This includes PTO meetings, movie night, and school programs. The following programs are cancelled for the remainder of the school year: Chess Club (no club today), Abrakadoodle Art Club, Robotics Club, Girls on the Run. For those paid programs, the companies will be reaching out about refunds.

Feedback about the entire Weekly Wrap Up is welcome at jtrumbule@aacps.org.